

Dr. Peter Bishop

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Dr. Peter Bishop is an Associate Professor of Human Sciences and Chair of the graduate program in Studies of the Future at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Dr. Bishop specializes in techniques for long-term forecasting and planning. He delivers keynote addresses and conducts seminars on the future for business, government and not-for-profit organizations. He also facilitates groups in developing scenarios, visions and strategic plans for the future. Dr. Bishop's clients include IBM, Caltex Petroleum, Toyota Motor Sales, Shell Pipeline Corporation, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Texas Department of Commerce, the City of Las Cruces NM, and the Canadian Radio and Television Commission. Dr. Bishop is also the Executive Director of the Institute for Futures Research where he conducts research with futures students and alumni. Finally, he is President of his own firm, Strategic Foresight and Development, which offers education and training in futures thinking and techniques to the corporate market.

Dr. Bishop came to UH-Clear Lake in 1976 to teach research methods and statistics. While active in faculty affairs, he founded an organization of faculty leaders to participate in state government. Dr. Bishop first taught in 1973 at Georgia Southern College where he specialized in social problems and political sociology. He received his doctoral degree in sociology from Michigan State University in 1974. Dr. Bishop received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Louis University where he also studied mathematics and physics. He grew up in St. Louis, Missouri where he was a member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) for seven years. Dr. Bishop is married with two children and four grandchildren.

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Associate Professor, Graduate Program in Studies of the Future

Professional Activities

- University teaching
- Futures education and consulting
- Team and network facilitation (scenario development, visioning and strategic planning)
- Applied futures research

University Teaching

- Quantitative Futures Research, Using Systems Approaches, World Futures
- Social Change, Theories of Society
- Our Future in Space
- Philosophy of Science, Research Methods and Statistics

Application Area

- Public Education (K-12 and Higher Education)
- Chaos and Complexity Theory
- Technology Transfer and Commercialization
- Space Commercialization
- Performance Measures for Information Systems
- Electronic Group Decision Support Systems
- Industrial Specialties: Computer, Communication, Energy, Banking

Professional Experience

- Chair, Graduate Program in Studies of the Future, UH-Clear Lake, 1983-96, 98-present
- Executive Director, Institute for Futures Research, UH-Clear Lake, 1990-present
- President, Strategic Foresight and Development, 2001-present
- Planning officer, NASA MidContinent Technology Transfer Center, 1992-96
- Founder and Director, Space Business Research Center, 1986-1990
- Founding member, UHCL Research Institute for Computing and Information Sciences, 1985-92
- Founder and First President, TX Council of Faculty Governance Organizations, 1978-1981
- Meeting facilitation, strategic planning, scenario development and vision training for business and government (including Toyota Motor Sales, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Dade County Aviation Department (Miami Intl Airport), W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Shell Pipeline Corp., TX Dept of Commerce, City of Las Cruces NM, Tetra Pak, Central Intelligence Agency), 1992-present
- Corporate seminars on the future of technology and manufacturing (including IBM, Caltex Petroleum, Solvay America, Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association), 1988-present

Education

- B.A. Philosophy, St. Louis University, 1968
- M.A. Sociology, Michigan State University, 1971
- Ph.D. Sociology, Michigan State University, 1974

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